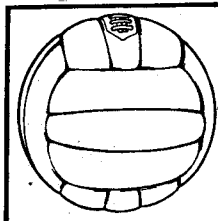


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CITY COULD TEAR VIC. APART

By GEORGE YELLAND

If a cup or championship were at stake in the Manchester City v. Victoria clash at Olympic Park on Sunday, Victoria would be systematically torn apart.

After living for years in the shadow of "Busby's Babes" (Manchester United), the City has emerged, in recent years, as one of the world's top soccer clubs.

English League championship, F.A. Cup, League Cup and European Cup Winners Cup have all come City's way in the space of three short years.

What I will look for is an exhibition of true Soccer artistry.

Victoria, with nothing to lose and all to gain, will

throw everything into this game.

The defence, with the experience of Kinnell, the agility and anticipation of Jack Reilly and the energy of Sandy Irvine will not succumb easily. In attack, there is less cause for optimism.

Crowd

The tendency to crowd the middle, a feature of most Victorian soccer, will play into the hands of an experienced defence, led by 1969's Footballer of the Year and team captain, Tony Book.

The undoubted artistry

of Branko Buljevic may be off-set by close marking and hard tackling.

One thing is certain, the local part-time pros will give 90 minutes of sustained effort.

I expect the margin to be, conservatively, two goals in Manchester's favor, but a good showing by Victoria would give the game a tremendous shot in the arm in this State.

Our boys are approaching the encounter seriously, thoughtfully and with a determination to wipe out memory of the Dynamo fiasco.

Without stars Francis Lee, Colin Bell and Mike Summerbee, Manchester is still a cultured combination and will give the expected large crowd a football feast.

Nostalgia

The big game will evoke more nostalgic associations than any other game in the past decade.

Well-known and respected soccer people in Victoria who have had connections with the visitors, in one form or another, are Bill Walsh, Paddy Sloan and Norm Couzens.

There are many more who have yelled encouragement at Maine Road and followed the fortunes of the "Mighty Blues", over the years.

It is fitting that control of this game is in the hands of Mr. Lou Stafrace.

Cool, firm and experienced he is in peak form and condition.

He is one of Australia's F.I.F.A. listed officials and will contribute to the enjoyment of the crowd by his common sense approach to the game.

Record

Bert Trautmann holds the record for the most appearances as a Manchester City player. Between 1951 and 1965 the former German war-time paratrooper and P.O.W. chalked up 508 appearances in the first team.

"Teams like Hertha 03, Rumania, Moscow Dynamo and new Manchester City, give us a chance to see what is going on in world soccer and it is very good for our players," Rasic said.

Stone-age

"Two years ago we were playing stone-age soccer, as Dettmar Cramer put it, and now we are a bunch of triers."

Rasic said the Victorians would try to gain the upper hand by dominating the midfield.

"You can not underestimate players like Frank Micic and Jimmy



Manchester City en route to the 1969 F.A. Cup at the expense of Leicester City. From left: — Lockhead (Leicester), Neil Young, Alan Oakes, A. Clarke.

Soccer News experts preview the big game

There's hope for us

By Alistair Cook

It is fortunate that Victoria will not have to face the full brunt of Manchester City's normal competition attack on Sunday, for it is doubtful whether Jack Reilly, George Kinnell and company could prevent a repetition of the kind of fiasco we witnessed in the game against Moscow Dynamo.

The absence of top Manchester forwards

Francis Lee, Colin Bell and Mike Summerbee has given Victoria fresh hope for at least some semblance of a fight, especially after the two recent draws with N.S.W.

Much will depend on the ability of our attack to penetrate the experienced City defence which is sure to give Billy Vojtek, Branko Buljevic and Tommy McColl a tough afternoon while at the same time giving its own forwards enough opportunities to find the net.

The young Manchester strikers will be keen to prove themselves worthy of a permanent place in the side and this should set the stage for a crowd-pleasing game.

Reports from other states indicate that red-haired Ian Bowyer could be the man to watch in the Manchester attack.

This teenager may be another Brian Kidd, who emerged as an England player after Manchester United toured Australia.

Little can be said about the Victorian side which has not been said before.

Every player has had past opportunities to prove his worth in representative games of varying importance.

Our performance against the Russians earlier in the year was admittedly lamentable but the more recent games against NSW, which last Saturday

extended the visitors, was more creditable.

Few people will hold much hope for a Victorian win, but in a match in which we can boost our sagging morale on a club as well as an interstate level, a strong performance is vital to the future of the game.

STAR TRIO



MIKE DOYLE



TOMMY BOOTH



JOE CORRIGAN

BIG CHANCE TO CAUSE UPSET

By MEL VASEY

With a depleted side through World Cup commitments and injuries, Manchester City, which has just won the European Cup-Winners Cup and the Football League Cup in England, faces a determined Victoria side at Olympic Park on Sunday.

The question is, can Victoria emulate West Australia, which held City to a 1-1 draw in their opening game?

It might be too much to expect the locals to win even against a vastly under-strength Manchester City. For there can be no denying that the difference in class between the players is such that few if any expect the English tourists to go under.

However, it's the surprise element in results which helps make soccer the great game it is and if the Victorians have fully recovered from the devastating defeat they suffered against Moscow Dynamo and give a 100 per cent effort,

then the chance of a win cannot be completely discounted.

But Manchester City's players are fully-fledged professionals so they have a big advantage on three main scores — discipline, fitness and teamwork.

One thing is certain. The paying public will want to see Victoria go right into the game with some urgency to attack.

It's not good enough to snatch a draw or hold the score down with purely defensive tactics as has happened so often in the past.

I hope the Victorians make a real fight of it this time and even if they are well beaten, no one will destructively criticise their efforts.

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Mercer leads winning combination

The Manchester City party which will visit Melbourne on Sunday to play against Victoria at Olympic Park will be led by world-renowned team manager Joe Mercer.

Assistant team manager is the equally famous Malcolm Allison, one of the shrewdest tacticians in British football.

Mercer had tallied up 419 League appearances when a broken leg ended his playing career in 1954 at High-bury.

During his 22 years as a professional player, he served only two clubs - Everton and Arsenal - and neither has ever had a finer or more reliable wing half.

Mercer won three League championship medals, one with Everton and two with Arsenal. He also captained Arsenal when it won the F.A. Cup at Wembley in 1950 and led it there again two years later to be beaten by Newcastle United.

After appearing in 23 war-time internationals it was a shock to Everton fans when soon after the war he transferred to Arsenal for £7000.



Malcolm Allison

Mercer's drive and enthusiasm not only helped Arsenal stave off relegation but coincided with the revival of the "Gunners".

In August 1955 a year after hanging up his boots, Mercer joined Sheffield United as manager and from there moved to Aston Villa in 1958.

One of the best and most respected players of his era, he is now one of the most astute team bosses in the game.



JOE MERCER

And he has the material to work with. Manchester City's players are among the best in Europe. Those who will appear against Victoria are:

GEORGE HESLOP, 28. Has been a top League player from his early 20's. The solid centre-half is no stranger to Australia as he toured here with the Everton side in 1963.

TONY BOOK, 36. Captain and left-back. Joined City from Plymouth, 1966. Earlier played for Bath City for nine seasons and followed Malcolm Allison to Toronto City in Canada and then on to Plymouth before

his mark on the First Division scene last season. A fluid mover, Bowyer has a powerful shot on either foot.



IAN BOWYER

GLYN PARDOE, 24. Became the youngest ever City player when he made League debut against Birmingham in 1962 at the age of 15 years and 314 days. A reliable full-back, his honors include Cheshire and England Schoolboys and one Young England cap against Hungary.



GLYN PARDOE

moving North. Nicknamed "The Rock", Book is one of the most solid defenders in the English League.

IAN BOWYER, 23. This red-haired forward was one of the brightest young players to make

TOMMY BOOTH, 21. Joined City as an amateur then signed as

professional in 1967. Skipped the Manchester City youth team which won an international tournament in West Germany in 1968. It was Booth's semi-final goal against Everton which took City to Wembley and the F.A. Cup last year.

HARRY DOWD, 32. Joined City in July 1960. Started game late in life after completing apprenticeship as a plumber. Member of City's 1969 F.A. Cup winning side.

ALAN OAKES, 28. Joined City as a Junior, in 1958 and turned full-time professional in 1959. Consistent member of the first team since 1961. England reserve in the Wembley match against France last year. Played for the English Football League v. Scottish League last season.

NEIL YOUNG, 27. Signed for City as apprentice in July 1960 and became full-time professional the following year. Though naturally left-footed, made his League debut on the right wing. An England Youth International. Young also has Second Division championship medal to his credit.



NEIL YOUNG

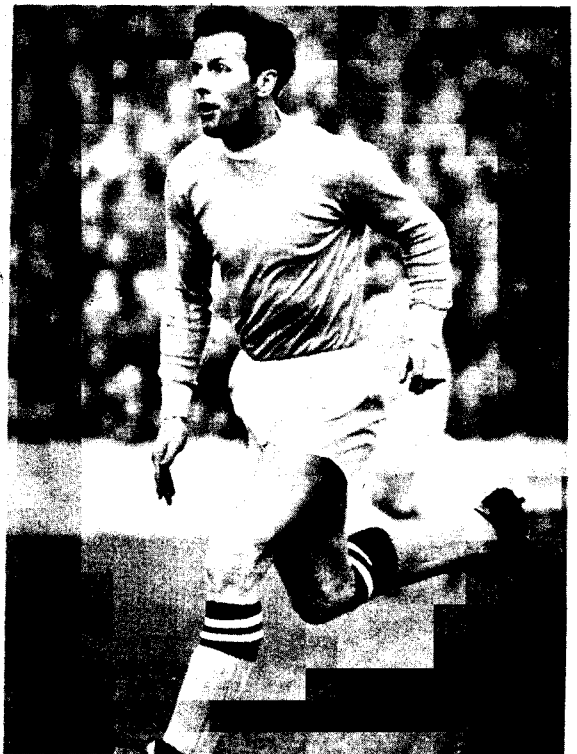
TWO WERE TOP PLAYERS

Since the Footballer of the Year award was instituted in England in 1947-48, two Manchester City players have won it outright while another has tied for the statuette presented annually by the Football Writers' Association.

Don Revie was the first winner in 1954-55 while Bert Trautmann copped it the following season. In 1968-69 Tony Book shared the award with Dave McKay of Derby County.

Missing from the Manchester City team are Francis Lee who is in the England World Cup Squad for Mexico, Arthur Mann, the club's most expensive player, costing \$139,000 in November 1968, and Colin Bell also with England in Mexico.

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Manchester's long history

Manchester City was formed in 1894 after its immediate predecessor, Ardwick, had folded up through lack of funds.

Ardwick had been formed in 1887 following the amalgamation of West Gorton and Gorton Athletic, the latter having been in existence since 1880.

The forerunners of Manchester City played at several grounds before City moved to Maine Road in 1923 and, as Ardwick, adopted professionalism in 1889.

Ardwick had been among the

original members of the English Second Division and upon formation, Manchester City was immediately elected to that Division in 1894.

City first won promotion to Division One in 1899. Since then the club has been up and down several times and since 1966 it has been back in the top division of English League soccer.

The major honors the club has gained are: 1936-37 and 1967-68 Division One championship, 1904, 1934, 1956, 1969, F.A. Cup winner.

Recently Manchester City's success has spread to Europe. By beating top Polish club Gornik Zabrze in Vienna, City won the 1970 European Cup-Winners Cup.

And two of City's top players — Francis Lee and Colin Bell, both forwards, are now in Mexico with England.

Great players who have worn the City colors in the past include Jimmy McMullan left half and captain of Scotland's immortal "Wembley Wizards"

team of 1928; Eric Brook, a match winning winger who had 18 caps for England played nearly 500 League and Cup games for City; Peter Doherty — Ireland's finest ever inside forward who scored 30 goals when City won the league championship in 1937; Frank Swift, that remarkable giant of a goalkeeper and English international who lost his life in the Munich air disaster of 1958 and Swift's successor Bert Trautmann, the former German paratrooper and prisoner of war.

Trautman played out the closing stages of the 1956 F.A. Cup final with a broken neck.

One could go on with many more of Manchester City's greats, including Don Revie, Bobby Johnstone, Roy Paul, Terry Dyson, Alex Herd and still be guilty of leaving out some worth a mention.

But the man who has brought them to the top flight in recent years is brilliant manager Joe Mercer.



Manchester City skipper Tony Book stops the ball after goalkeeper Joe Corrigan had fumbled a shot from Brian Kidd of Manchester United in the first leg of the League Cup semi-final.

Heidelberg player-coach Paddy Sloan is the man who discovered Manchester City full-back and captain Tony Book.

As captain-coach of Bath City, Paddy was doing the rounds of Bath Parks, when he saw Tony in action and quickly signed him.

Later Malcolm Allinson took over as Manager of Bath City and when he became chief of

Plymouth Argyle, he took Tony along with him.

The association was carried on at Maine Road. Allinsons and Paddy Sloans faith in Tony was amply justified when the City full-back and captain was named "Footballer of the Year" in 1969.

Paddy was right half with Arsenal at the same time Joe Mercer was captain and left half.

Now close to 50, Paddy recalled, in an interview, how he spent Christmas, 1947, at Joe Mercer's home in Hoylake on the Wirral peninsula.

Another Arsenal man who spent the festive season with them, was pivot Leslie Compton, famous in both soccer and cricket.

Paddy was on the first F.A. coaching course, along with Malcolm Allinson.

He recalls that the course was under the direction of Walter Winterbottom, who became England's soccer chief.

Winterbottom visited Australia some years ago with a F.I.F.A. Referees coaching team.

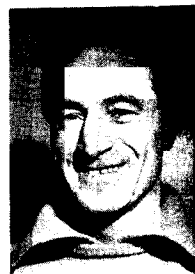
Many clubs

Paddy has lived and breathed Soccer all his life. He has figured as a player or coach with several Melbourne clubs, including Hellas, Croatia, St. Albans and Makedonia.

There will be no more interested observer at Olympic Park on Sunday.

Paddy will revel in renewing acquaintances with some of the greats of yester-year.

Joe Mercer and Malcolm Allinson will be his special targets.



PADDY SLOAN

Law came for £55,000

When Manchester City bought Dennis Law from Huddersfield in 1960, it paid what was then a British record fee of £55,000.

While with Manchester, Law scored six goals in a F.A. Cup tie against Luton, but the game was abandoned.

— 0-0-0 —

Manchester City's biggest scoring orgy was way back in 1895 when it defeated Lincoln City 11-3 in a second division game.

— 0-0-0 —

Biggest crowd in a league match at City's Maine Road was in 1948 when Manchester United used the ground for its game with Arsenal and drew in 82,950. But back in 1934 in an F.A. Cup tie against Stoke City, 84,569 turned up to watch City.

— 0-0-0 —

In 1912 Manchester City missed three penalties in their game with Newcastle United yet managed to draw 1-1.

— 0-0-0 —

Manchester City missed a penalty in the last match of the season in 1926 and was relegated from First Division.

The result was a 3-2 defeat for the City. A draw would have saved City from relegation.



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It's old hat to Kinnell

It is a mere 18 months since George Kinnell was playing against Manchester as captain of Sunderland.

Kinnell, now the star of Juventus, has been a professional player for 11 years.

Starting with Aberdeen in 1958, he was a first team regular until his transfer to Stoke City in 1963.

Later he had a seven weeks spell with Oldham Athletic at centre forward, before moving to Sunderland where he was appointed captain.

After several years he moved to neighbouring club, Middlesbrough for a short stay before coming to Australia.

Full of soccer know how and experience he has had a profound effect on Juventus and Victoria.

He said, in an interview, that he enjoys playing here but contends

that Soccer will not improve very much in Australia until full time professionalism arrives.

He admits that no Australian side could live with top overseas professional outfits like Manchester City, but is looking forward to Sunday's encounter.

He is impressed with the State teams approach to this game and has high praise for State coach Zvonimir Rasic.

George has played against all but the new youngsters in Manchester City's team.

Corrigan, Book, Pardoe, Doyle, Heslop, Oakes etc., are more than mere names to him.

He also recalls playing against Aston Villa when present Manchester manager Joe Mercer, was boss of the team.

High's efforts failed

George Cross 1, Hellas 1

Although David High did all he could to lift his team after half time, South Melbourne Hellas never got its attack working and was lucky to draw 1-1 with George Cross.

With Horst Friedeberg shadowing striker Jimmy Armstrong and Derek Ricks steady at centre half, Hellas was continuously frustrated close to goal.

The goal that gave Hellas a draw in the 50th minute was little more than a fluke.

Full back Kevin Kelly looked well in command of the ball on the edge of the penalty area but suddenly he fumbled badly, allowing Ulysses Kokkinos to follow the ball into the net.

George Cross took the lead in the 35th minute. Tim Augar dived at the feet of Kevin Walker and hit the ball clear but Ian Reid following up quickly and rammed the ball home.

Hellas half back John Bedford was carried off the ground with a knee injury in the 25th minute and was replaced by youngster John Daperis.

TEAMS
GEORGE CROSS: Kastner, McLachlan, Ricks, Friedeberg, Kelly, Sanchez, Gardiner, Smart, Reid, Walker, Epifano.
HELLAS: Augar, Rutherford, Bedford (in), sub Daperis, 25th min., Gorrie, Kokkinos, Ackerley, Armstrong, Gould. Crowd at Schinler Reserve, approx. 1500.

Footscray easily

J.U.S.T. 3, Polonia 1

Polonia partly contributed to its own downfall by playing a defensive role in the first half.

J.U.S.T. dominated the midfield and went ahead after earlier misses when Branko Buljevic netted after 31 minutes.

Joe Zurawski equalised in the second half but J.U.S.T. continued to dominate and added goals by Slobodan, Zoraja and Frank Micic.

Scorers — Polonia: Zurawski, J.U.S.T.: Buljevic, Micic, Zoraja.

TEAMS
Polonia: Litvin, Knot, Blank, Czerniecki, Zurawski, Widera, Siwka, Olinowski, Closs, Plasketa, Czapnik.
J.U.S.T.: Fode, Utjesenovic, Ruzmir, Micic, Evans, Cirkovic, Zoraja, Lukic, Mihalovic, Buljevic, Stankovic.

Referee: G. Pedlar. Attendance: 1500.



Slavia goalkeeper Mike O'Hara flies to deflect a dangerous shot from Croatia's Billy McIntyre past the bar.

Scoreless draw to Slavia

Slavia 0, Croatia 0

Slavia scored its third successive draw when it held Croatia scoreless at Olympic Park.

And it could have clinched both points in the closing stages when it was clearly the more aggressive and better side.

Croatia's attack never got the better of the tightly packed Slavia defence and the loss of this valuable point has weakened the team's challenge to Juventus.

Horst Rau, in top gear

throughout, tried hard to draw out the Slavia defence but his forwards put too much work on the ball and were shut out.

Although both goalkeepers were busy at times, they had few real direct shots to deal with and the best try of the game came from Marshall McCallum of Slavia whose sizzling 25 yard drive hit the crossbar, rebounded back into play and was cleared.

TEAMS —
SLAVIA: Train, Paul, Zanetta, Sheddin, Livingstone, McCallum, Schleichert, Steele, Adlam.
CROATIA — Kovacek, McArthur, Gunn, Symington, Williams, Rau, McIntyre, Rajher, Vojtek, McKay, Hargreaves.
 Referee: S. Mellings. Attendance: 1500.

NO PUNCH IN ATTACK

Juventus 1, Fitzroy United Alexander 0

Weak finishing by its forwards robbed Alexander of a point against Juventus at Olympic Park last Sunday.

It was a lively, entertaining game which kept the interest and attention of the 5187 spectators who turned up in wretched conditions.

Early in the game, Keith Webster, unmarked, scored an easy goal to give Juventus the lead.

Peter Selfe played a great game and blotted out Bryan Thomson.

Jimmy Mangopoulos ran himself into the ground in an effort to break through.

Jack Reilly was in top form and with energetic Sandy Irvine and Garry Salisbury controlling the middle, Alexander's attacks floundered in the mud.

Jack Goodwin gave another masterly display in the link role.

Glennie was outstanding in Alexander's defence and made several menacing forays into attack.

Frost and Webster were the pick of Juventus' attack. They worked tirelessly and would have scored more goals against a less resolute defence.

As the game wore on, it became evident that Kinnell and his team

were just playing as well as was necessary to contain Fitzroy.

They had something in reserve but against lively opponents, these tactics are dangerous, for a slip could have brought the equaliser.

TEAMS
JUVENTUS: Reilly, Della Rocca, Kinnell, Irvine, Lakay.

Salisbury, Goodwin, Frost, Thomson, McColl, Webster. Docherty replaced Goodwin during the second half.

FITZROY UTD. ALEXANDER: Kennedy, Tiktakis, Glennie, Kriaris, Xanthopoulos, Selfe, Mangopoulos, Mitsis, Glykolas, Fokianos, Brown. Karakostas replaced Tiktakis during the second half.

Referee: Mr. H. Verniers, Olympic Park. Crowd 5187.

City beats hoodoo

Ringwood City 3, Hakoah 1

Ringwood City beat Hakoah at Middle Park for the first time in over seven years.

Mike Clarey opened the scoring for Hakoah in the ninth minute with a well taken shot from a razor sharp through pass from Bobby Robertson, the most constructive Hakoah forward.

After ten minutes, Brian Edgeley nodded the ball across to Wim Spiekerman and the lanky striker slammed the ball into the net for the equaliser.

Ringwood took the lead after 75 minutes when Edgeley sent Butt away and the right winger's

cross was neatly zeroed back into Edgeley's head and into the net.

Ten minutes later Baker and Henderson hesitated in going for a loose ball, allowing Butt to flash in and score his maiden State League goal.

THE TEAMS
HAKOAH: Henderson, Douglas, Baker, Stenhouse, O'Neill, Gadsby, Fry, Wasidky, Clarey, Robertson, Cameron.
Lane: For Wasidky, 75 minutes.

RINGWOOD CITY: Van Egmond, Bailey, Bens, Pygall, Ward, Adam, Butt, Edgeley, Spiekerman, Pye, Atkins. Attendance: 900.

Melbourne skinned tame Lions

Melb. 3, Lions 1

Lions conceded its 21st goal for the season as Melbourne won comfortably at Middle Park on Saturday.

Melbourne's superior skills were evident from the beginning and it took the lead after 14 minutes through Istran Keri. Eddy Butler equalised five minutes later but Melbourne deservedly went ahead at the 20 minute mark when John McGowan laid off the ball to the unmarked Alistair Scott who promptly stabbed it into the net.

Constantly switching positions and weaving an intricate pattern, the Melbourne strikers blitzed the Lions goal and Heinz Wenzl qualified for top over time rates.

Early in the second half, Keri and Billy Rogers hit the woodwork four times in as many seconds.

Fabian Juhasz impressed in a Melbourne backline that always looked too solid for the inadequate Lions attack, which was weakened even more when Tom Robertson went off injured 15 minutes from full-time, leaving the visitors with 10 men.

Ray Pocock asserted Melbourne's superiority three minutes from the end, by scoring Melbourne's third after a solo run.

TEAMS
MELBOURNE: Gerrard, McDaid, Juhasz, Szabo, McGowan, Scott, Keri, Wallace, Pocock, Rogers, Bleskany.
LIONS: Wenzl, Murray, Fredlewicz, Murray, van Zelt, McCarthy, J. Robertson, Butler, Rosewell, T. Robertson, Keenan, Bartley for J. Robertson, 45 min.

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THREE SHARE LEAD

Three players share the lead in the voting for the 1970 Marlboro best player award.

They are David Pygall of Wilhelmina, Tommy Stankovic of Footscray J.U.S.T. and Ian McCarthy of Lions. All have polled 14 votes from eight matches.

The best player trophy, accompanied by a \$100 cheque, will be presented

at the end of the season by Philip Morris Ltd.

The company will also award a trophy to the top goalscorer. Current joint leaders are Branko Buljevic of Footscray J.U.S.T. and Bryan Thomson of Juventus, who have each scored seven.

Progress votes:
 14 Pygall (W), Stankovic (J.U.S.T.), McCarthy (L), 13 Gardiner (G.C.), 12 Fry (W), Zurawski (P), 11 Selfe (A), McIntyre (C), Salisbury (J), Juhasz (M).

10 High (H), Williams (C), Cameron (Hak.), 9 Walker (H), Csapnik (P), 8 Mangopoulos (A), 8 Buljevic (J.U.S.T.).

GOAL SCORERS

7 B. Thomson (J), Buljevic (J.U.S.T.), 6 Edgeley (W), Zoraja (J.U.S.T.), 5 McIntyre (C), Mangopoulos (A), Rogers (M), 4 Keri (M), McColl (J), Stankovic (J.U.S.T.), Reid (G.C.), 3 Buncie, Spiekerman (W), Kokkinos, Gorrie (E), Blaskany (M), Stankovic (L), Clarey (Hak.), Frost (J), 2 Votes for the eighth round: SLAVIA: 3 Steele, 2 Zanetta, 1 Train.

CROATIA: 3 Rau, 2 Williams, 1 McIntyre.

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Roger back with the Cross

Mike Rogers, the 23-year-old winger who stood out of soccer to play cricket, is back in training with George Cross.

Rogers, who was imported by the Cross from British non-league club Run-corn United last season, was in the

Essendon side that won the cricket title.

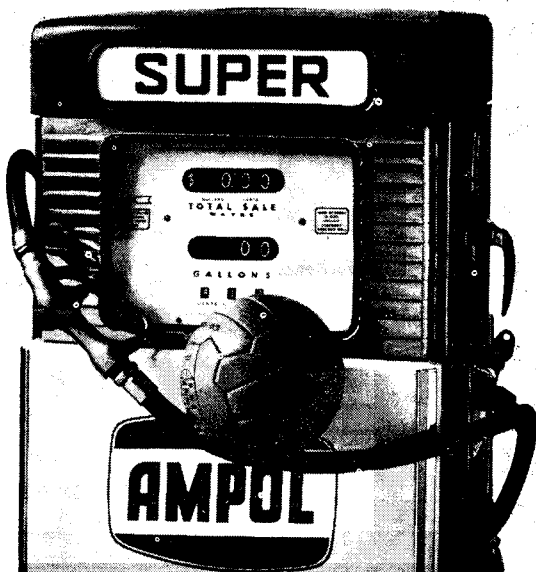
He decided to stand out of soccer because the two competitions overlapped.

When he arrived last season, Rogers

displaced Archie Campbell on the Cross' left wing and played five senior matches.

He will probably be in the reserve side for the next game.

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UNDER 23 SQUAD IN DEBUT

By LAURIE SCHWAB

State coach Zvonimir Rasic assembled his Under 23's for their first big test last week and they came through it with flying colors.

Although beaten 1-6 by the senior State squad in a practice match at Olympic Park, the Under 23's were well on top during the first half and were unlucky to trail 0-1 after a good goal by Billy Vojtek.

Because Wilhelmina full backs Robert Bailey and Richard Bens and Alexander centre half Peter Sefc did not show up for the match, the under 23's played with an improvised defence.

George Cross linkman Kevin Walker was at centre half, Melbourne linkman Paul Deeming played sweeper, Melbourne striker Ray Pocock was at right back and Polonia utility Andrew Czapnik at left back. Because of a shortage of players, South Melbourne Hellas winger Ulysses Kokinos, who had been dropped from the senior State squad, joined the under 23 team for the match.

Polished

Most impressive for the under 23's was Juventus winger Ron Frost, whose polished display in the first half, prompted Rasic to give him a try with the senior team for the rest of the game.

John Wallace of Melbourne justified his reputation as the player with the greatest potential in the State, with another dazzling performance in the link

role. From Melbourne's juniors, Wallace needs only a little more experience and more physical strength to become one of our finest players.

The only representative

of the Metropolitan League — Keilor City's Wally Klain — was good both off and on the ball. Playing as striker, Klain used the open spaces well and might have scored had his team mates taken advantage of his moves.

His ball distribution was also excellent. The only fault I could see was one of inexperience in top soccer.

He found it difficult to beat seasoned players like George Kinnell, Drago Ujesenovic and company.

Full back

Ray Pocock had his first ever game at full back and acquitted himself well.

He settled into the role with ease, treating it merely as an extension of his wing play at Melbourne.

Both Deeming and Walker played strongly in defence although their positions were foreign to them.

In goal, Mike Harby of Juventus was again outstanding.

Harby had his first senior game for Juventus against Melbourne while Jack Reilly was in Vietnam. He showed then that he is a great talent and after his fine performance against Victoria, is sure to have clinched a secure spot in the under 23 team.

John Gardiner, the George Cross star, scored

the under 23's only goal and showed a lot of mobility although he was never as constructive as Wallace, Klain, and Frost.

Billy Rogers looked good for half a game but overall was a disappointment. However, this player has proved himself at Melbourne and even in the State team so it is obvious he is capable of better things.

Czapnik at left back did what was asked of him without standing out, goal-keeper Jimmy Milisavljevic, who came on at half time, was bombarded and conceded five goals and forward Jimmy Pirzas was inconspicuous.

Four goals

Most impressive for the seniors was Hellas linkman David Gorrie, who came on at half time and scored four superb goals.

The performance gave him a place in the Victorian side to meet Manchester City on Sunday.

Others to do well were George Kinnell and Billy Vojtek.

Score — Victoria 6 (Gorrie 4, Vojtek, Bleskany) d. Victoria under 23 1 (Gardiner).

Kinnell learns from Rasic

"Rasic is one of the best coaches I've ever played under."

That's praise indeed for the Melbourne and State coach, Zvonimir Rasic, because it comes from Juventus and Victoria sweeper George Kinnell — one of the most experienced players in Melbourne.

Kinnell, who is also a qualified coach, hopes to take up coaching in the State League when his playing days are over.

Nominee

But in the meantime, he's learning all he can from Rasic, who is Victoria's nominee for the national coaching job.

"Rasic reads the game better than anyone I've played under," Kinnell said.

"He can see the danger of an opposing player very early in the game and knows exactly how to counter it. He is a great tactician."

Kinnell has played under team managers like David Shaw of Aberdeen, Jimmy McIlroy of Oldham Athletic, Scottish team manager Ian McColl of Sunderland, Alan Brown, reputed to be one of the best in England and Stan Anderson of Middlesbrough.

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Floriana tour called off

The proposed tour by top Maltese First Division team F.C. Floriana, is off.

Floriana, which was to be the first Maltese team ever to visit Australia, has not been able to arrange a charter flight from Malta.

Previously it lost its Melbourne sponsor, who was not able to secure Sunday dates for games in Melbourne and Sydney.

He believed the tour would be unsuccessful without at least two Sunday games.

Mr. Joe Bartolo, secretary of George Cross, which initiated negotiations with Floriana, said today that air fares for the party would cost about \$89,000.

"That is too much," he said.

George Cross had been willing to pay match fees, and accommodation and interstate travel costs, providing Floriana paid its own way to Australia.

Juventus and South Melbourne Hellas had agreed to field a combined side against Floriana on the Queen's Birthday — Monday, June 15.

George Cross was to play the visitors the following Wednesday evening.



Cross trial flopped

Full back Duncan McKay (pictured) who's still in Croatia's dog house, had a trial with George Cross recently.

But it is understood McKay was not happy with George Cross and vice-versa.

McKay, who played for the Scottish national team 17 times, has been on the transfer list since the start of the season. Croatia will sell him for \$1500.

He has asked Croatia for permission to resume training but it is unlikely he will get it.

However, 23-year-old right back Ray Wixey, who was also transferred after a dispute with the club, will be given another chance.

Wixey has asked to be taken back and will soon be seen in action with the reserves.

Meanwhile, Croatia's latest import, linkman Milan Smolicic, will be out of action for at least two weeks, recovering from broken ribs suffered against Polonia.

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Scottish half back Charles Kelly, 23, will arrive on Saturday, May 23, to join Melbourne.

Kelly has played for St. Johnstone and St. Andrews.

Werder Bremen, the German Bundesliga club which will play against Victoria next month, has played more international matches than any other German team.

In over 180 matches at home and overseas, Werder has scored victories like 2-1 v. Spartak Moscow, 3-1 v. the Hungarian Olympic team, 3-1 v. the Bulgarian national team, 6-5 v. the Indonesian national team, 3-2 and 1-0 v. Sheffield Wednesday, 5-3 and 3-0 v. Vienna SK, 4-1 v. Red Star Belgrade, 3-1 v. Dinamo Zagreb and 2-1 v. Honved Budapest.

In 1964 Werder

won the famous USA tournament, emerging unbeaten in six games against Blackburn Rovers, Hearts of Midlothian, Vincenzo Lanerossi (Italy), and FC Bahia (Brazil).

One of the nine clubs that founded the German Bundes-

liga in 1963, Werder won the national championship in 1965 and was runner-up in 1968.

Coach of the team is Hans Tilkowski who played in goal for Germany 38 times and took part in the 1966 World

Cup final against England.

The only Werder player going to Mexico this year is defender Horst Hoettges, 26, who has been capped 40 times.

St. Kilda stronger

In a bid to lift itself out of the doldrums, St. Kilda has made three notable signings.

Club president, Peter Erismstrang, told Soccer News he had signed Tony Behrens of Albion Rovers, Dennis Fragopoulos lately with St. Albans and Athens, and Billy McIvor of George Cross.

Fragopoulos, a goal scoring centre forward, scored St. Kilda's two goals when it went down 2-3 to Park Rangers, last week-end.

George Yelland.

St. Pauli coming for 3 games

North German champion St. Pauli (Hamburg) is set to tour Australia in January.

Mr. Peter Schroeder, who represents St. Pauli and a number of other German clubs, flew into Melbourne last week to make preliminary arrangements.

He said St. Pauli was available for three games in January.

The next German team to visit Australia would be either Uwe Seeler's Hamburger SV, Hertha BSC of Berlin or Schalke 04.

—LAURIE SCHWAB

ANDERSON IS BACK

John Anderson, who starred for South Melbourne Hellas for four years, has returned from England and has rejoined Hakoah.

Anderson, 32, a wing half, has played non-league soccer in England for the past 18 months.

Originally a Stoke City player, he spent a season with Hakoah before returning home.

He is currently training with the Middle Park side and should be back in action in about four weeks.

Truskowski to Austria

John Truskowski, the 24-year-old George Cross centre half, has Division club Elwood been sold to First Austria for \$800.

A product of the George Cross Juniors, Truskowski has been a regular senior player this year and has already strengthened Austria's bid for promotion to State League.

At Austria, Truskowski

joins former George Cross team mate, goalkeeper Frank Petersen.

Austria veteran Horst Zielinski, a former Victorian representative, has also worn George Cross colors.

Another centre half — Falconer Ireland — is also on the George Cross transfer list.

Ireland, 28, has been one of the team's most

consistent players for the past seven years.

With Ireland and Truskowski out of the team, the centre half job is now held by Derek Ricks, who started at full back.

The Cross has also transfer-listed 25-year-old utility player Tommy Ferguson.

Ferguson came from Wilhelmina to George Cross four years ago.

Taffy's Tips for the

First prize dividends in the Treble Chance Pools for last Saturday may reach the four figure pay-out.

There were 12 scoring Draws and three scoreless ones.

With a total of 15 draws altogether the Perm. punters were well catered for, the way they were spread out over the lists, but for all that the dividends will not be as low as they would be with the same number during the British season.

That's one thing I have noticed in the past few years once the coupons go over completely on our Soccer, the Treble Chance and Twelve Results Pools' dividends go up, of course the answer is with our top teams the form rarely goes hay wire.

When I state top teams though there are only about a dozen or so in all States.

Break-up of the Draws was — ten in Victoria, four in Western Australia and one in Queensland.

Balance of the coupons was 18 Aways and 22 Home winners.

Dividends in sterling currency for Saturday, May 9, when there were ten scoring Draws and one score-less, were:-

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points, £56-7-0; 21½ points, £1-9-0.

Three Draws - 52-0.

Following requests here are the match numbers of the draws as they appeared on the coupons for last Saturday - 4, 11, 12, 16, 23, 25, 32, 33, 44, 46, 51, 55, and the three score-less - 10, 14, and 20.

The above number of Draws by the way is the largest figure for Australian Soccer matches on the coupons for many a long day, in fact it is three seasons ago since we have had such numbers, so it will be interesting when the dividends come through.

Again also the Home winners with the big scores came from the lower Leagues, so it is well to concentrate on these Divisions when picking your entries for the Golden Homes Pool.

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Till next week, Good Luck Pools' Punters, TAFFY.



Croatia's Billy McIntyre heads towards goal despite pressure from Slavia goalkeeper Mike O'Hara. The shot missed and Croatia went home with a scoreless draw.

Hakoah will be fourth says Adam

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Hakoah's new coach, Jim Adam, said today he was aiming his team for fourth position on the State League ladder.

"I've got a good bunch of boys at Hakoah," he said.

"Fellows like John O'Neill, Alan Stenhouse and Keith Fry will be a steady influence and once the younger players learn a little more about the game, we'll be a successful outfit."

Former Hakoah coach Ted Smith said today he was "a little bit choked up" about being replaced. Smith was told right after Hakoah's 0-4 defeat by Footscray J.U.S.T. that his services were no longer required.

Delayed

But the move to oust Smith had started a few weeks earlier.

Adam, a former Australian international, received the offer over four weeks ago, after

Hakoah had lost 0-5 to Melbourne.

However, the appointment was delayed after Hakoah's 3-0 win over South Melbourne Hellas.

When Hakoah again lost, Adam came in and Smith went out. Smith said today he had had a few offers but had not made up his mind.

He said if he played again, it would be in the Metropolitan League and only to keep fit.

Olympics

Smith, 33, is Australian born and played for Australia in the 1956 Olympic Games.

He also wore the colors of Moreland, South Melbourne Hellas and Hakoah and played over 600 State League games.

He held the Hakoah coaching job for about 18 months.

Jimmy Adam was dismissed from Melbourne Hungaria at the start of the year and has since been involved in a controversy over conditions in his contract with Melbourne.

Adam, who had a glamorous career as one of England's top wingers, played for South Melbourne Hellas from 1964 until mid-1965 when he had both cartilages removed and consequently stopped playing.

He represented Australia against Everton in 1964, was assistant coach of Australia against Scotland in 1967, coached Melbourne in 1966 and 1969, Croatia in 1967 and was assistant coach of English Second Division club Oxford United in 1968.



JIM ADAM

RANGERS NEED PLAYERS

Frank Hamilton, secretary of Park Rangers, is still looking for players.

He invites enquiries from anyone anxious to play, particularly members of the now defunct Northcote club.

He can be contacted during the day on 63-4340 or in the evening. His home number is 53-4408.

Trophy for top scorer

HSV's "World of Sport" is the first T.V. station in Melbourne to give local Soccer a "go".

Last Sunday, Fred Villiers announced that "World of Sport" compete and producer, Ron Casey, had offered a trophy for the top goal scorer in the State League this season.

This is a great T.V. breakthrough for the round ball code and HSV7 is leading the way with its local soccer coverage.

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Not only this trophy but also other competitions are planned for player participation in the near future.

Leaders in the goalkicking competition will be flashed on "World of Sport" every Sunday.

At present two players share the lead - Bryan Thomson (Juventus) and Branko Buljevic (J.U.S.T.) with seven goals each.

Ron Casey, a much travelled sports commentator, just back from Rome where he covered Johnny Famechon's last fight, obviously has his eye on the round ball game and its future in Australia.

The trophy award has been introduced to encourage more attacking play and provide more goals and thrills for local followers of soccer. — TAFFY.

Kevin Walsh, son of ex Manchester City star Bill Walsh, is performing well in Elwood Austria's attack.

He shows fine football sense and looks to have quite a future in the game.

In England, he had a spell with Manchester City juniors.

Clubs continually cry out for publicity yet it seems too much trouble to even ring in results in the time specified. After a game, Mr. Len Willmer, hard-working V.S.F. secretary requires ALL results by 5.30 p.m. Saturday, to pass on to radio, television and the pools. Last week, five results were outstanding at 5.40 p.m.

Soccer News endeavours to publish all results and tables, but the Metropolitan Thirds Competition causes problems every week.

At 9 o'clock Sunday night, two home clubs had failed to ring the Secretary and the outcome is incomplete tables.

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Metropolitan round-up — with George Yelland

Strong winds and muddy conditions proved great levellers as the Metropolitan League battles hotted up last week-end.

Preston Makedonia, in first division and Eltham, in fourth, were defeated for the first time. Both fell before their own supporters to teams much lower in the League.

Only five of the 48 clubs have not tasted defeat.

Four of these — Coburg, Green Gully Ajax, Albion Rovers and Frankston — are battling for Second Division supremacy.

Each division has one club without a victory, with the second division having two.

St. Albans, Maribyrnong, Triestina, Oakleigh Athena, Chelsea and Mornington are the clubs with this dubious honor.

Chelsea, improving week by week, look likeliest to crack a victory soon.

First Division matches are like cup-ties every week. Four draws and two away wins featured the sixth round, and only four points separate the top eight teams.

Elwood Austria, held to a draw by Dandenong, retain first position on goal average, but Box Hill, Preston and Altona are breathing down their necks.

Strong wind blowing down the pitch made accurate soccer difficult at Ormond Esplanade. Austria elected to face the wind in the first half and defended well.

They merited the no score, level terms at the interval and appeared likely to clinch the issue in the second half.

Karl Bright blotted out Dandenong's goal scoring spearhead, Peter Lowen. Brian Holcombe spoiled much good approach work with inaccurate passing and wild shooting.

Bob Rice was magnificent in the visitor's goal, particularly under heavy pressure in the second half.

Austria's outstanding attacker was fleet-footed Barry Webb. His speed frequently left Ken Fletcher floundering, and it was from him that Bobby Walker collected the ball to give Austria a 1-0 lead after 68 minutes.

Neither side used the wind effectively, and as the end came close, it appeared that Austria would win narrowly.

A glorious move, one minute from time, was started by Holcombe.

He stabbed a well

judged pass to right winger Mike Hall, whose high cross was pushed against the cross-bar by Petersen.

Bill Maley gleefully pounced on the rebound to slam home the equaliser from close range.

Austria played the better class of soccer but Dandenong's persistence, hard tackling and never-say-die spirit paid off and they were value for the point.

A head on collision between Johnny Truskowski and Karl Bright caused the big centre half to be replaced by Cornel Senna, and Truskowski played on with a nasty cut below the eye.

Peter Reynolds, John Webb, Barry Webb, Kevin Walsh and Stephen Brown stood out in a talented Austria side which will perform better, in more congenial conditions.

Brian Holcombe, Bob Rice, Phil Bence and David Parker were best for Dandenong. With more accurate passing and better finish, Dandenong could be a real threat in the promotion race.

Captain hurt

Keilor City hung on desperately to "steal" a point from Box Hill.

The high wind blowing straight down the ground was the real winner, for neither side mastered it or used it to advantage. Playing with the wind in the first half, Keilor were fortunate to hold a 2-1 half-time lead.

In the 21st minute a 50 yard floater from Bob Kupicz landed in the goal area. A mix up between goalie John Hagar and pivot Jimmy Young, left Bob's brother Eddie a simple task to score.

Four minutes later a Peter Craig free-kick was placed accurately for Joe Bray, playing his first game of the season, to equalise.

Before half-time, Wally Klein, only Metropolitan

Austria, Dandy battle to draw

player in the State under 23 squad, forced a corner. He took the kick, placing it accurately for brother Kazi to breast it in.

The second half was all Box Hill. Keilor showed little plan in their play. They were content to kick it anywhere out of danger.

Box Hill received most of their drive from the astute promptings of Tommy McPherson.

After perpetual pressure, Box Hill finally equalised.

McPherson took a corner kick which goalkeeper Ziggy Golouski got his hands on, but the ball slipped into goal.

Norman Voce and Alan Dewar were a magnificent pair of backs.

John Brown was a tremendous worker, and the visitors were unfortunate to collect only half the points.

Jimmy Coles was dangerous every time he swept goalwards.

Kaz Klein, Bob Kupicz and Guenter Gerick were best for a hard pressed Keilor.

Keilor suffered a blow after 35 minutes when captain coach Joe Menary, ex Juventus player, was injured and replaced by Marian Trzaskoma.

Keilor reorganised their team and John Gray moved into the middle to replace Menary.

Box Hill were without Don Hodgson and Grant McGregor.

Springvale were fortunate to hold Altona to a draw.

Four regular first teamers were absent in Pat Finn, Ha k Meyer, John Beesley and Norman Edgar.

But Aldo Comin was in top form in goal.

It was all Altona in the first half, but no goals were scored.

First 20 minutes of the second half it was the same story. Altona had the ball in the net twice but infringements nullified the efforts.

Suddenly Terry Vowles broke away down the right, and crossed for Paul Rubens to score.

Five minutes later Billy Williams gave Springvale a flattering 2-0 lead. Twelve minutes from time, Ray King took a penalty kick to make it 2-1.

With only a minute to go, veteran Frankie

Loughran crossed a high ball which was scrambled home.

In the end, it was Altona who were fortunate to draw a game they should have won comfortably.

Went to pieces

It sounds stupid to say that a team which loses 6-0 might well have drawn or even won, but that was the case at Richmond.

Sunshine were leading 1-0 at the interval.

Mike Bannigan squared a perfect ball for Albert Seenan to add the finishing touch.

Two minutes after the interval a brilliant header from a Richmond inside forward crashed against the cross-bar.

Richmond were playing beautiful soccer and appeared likely to break through.

Quick breakaways in the 55th and 56th minutes brought goals to Micky Bannigan and Peter Hill.

Richmond's bubble burst and they went to pieces. Bobby Pocock, Kazi Pietrowski and Pocock again, completed Richmond's rout.

Fifteen years old Emmanuel Spiteri replaced Herbert Seenan in the second half.

Mike Bannigan and Butch Kokoska were outstanding for Sunshine.

Poor attack

Frankston and St. Albans were scoreless in a sub-standard game at Como Park.

Prahran made the mistake of playing far too much down the left wing.

St. Albans countered with a well organised off-side trap, which the home team never mastered.

The visitors were masters in mid field but their attack was pathetic. Only two goals in six games highlights their paucity of attacking power.

Ringwood United provided the real shock of the round by defeating Makedonia at Preston.

Neither side is interested in publicity and do not ring in. As a result, we have no details of the game.

Thriller

Coburg held their position at the head of Division Two with an only goal win over Brighton at Dendy Street.

Brighton officials were delighted with the improved form of their team. The game was a thriller, with play flowing swiftly end to end.

Brighton got the ball in the net, in the 25th minute, but it was disallowed for an infringement.

Fifteen minutes from time Tony Barnes gave away a penalty, but Tim Law saved. Bobby Malcolm's shot brilliantly.

With only eight minutes remaining Graham Watson cleverly lobbed the ball over a packed goalmouth for the winner.

Three minutes from the end, Dave King broke through and let loose a rasping shot which Tommy Crooks saved well.

Dangerman Bobby Malcolm was neutralised by Gordon Hay who stuck

as close as a postage stamp to him throughout the game.

Davey Campbell and Gordon Hay were outstanding in a vastly improved Brighton.

For Coburg, John Yelland and Norman Ellis were masters in defence with Tommy Crooks in great form in goal. George Malcolm was the pick of the forwards.

Yallourn had a clear cut win over Princes Park Hercules.

The home side started in fine style. Frank di Giovanni scored in five minutes with a low, diving header.

Yallourn levelled matters within three minutes but it was all Hercules up to half-time.

Yallourn took command after the interval, and scored twice within the first 19 minutes.

Fifteen minutes from the end, they sealed the game with a fourth goal. The heavy muddy conditions didn't suit Hercules style, for whom Steve Kaknis and Frank di Giovanni were outstanding.

Dismal

Frankston dropped another point when they gave a dismal performance against Sandringham.

Their defence was generally sound but much of the team's effort lacked early season sparkle and dedication.

It looks as if the first team players are due for a shake up. They are not giving anything like maximum effort.

Moreland gave Albion Rovers a hard fight before going down 3-1.

Albion started in top gear, and Duncan Carmichael converted Bill Cree's cross from the right wing, in the fifth minute.

John Stuart made it 2-0 after 38 minutes.

Two minutes from the interval Moreland reduced the arrears with a cannon ball drive from 25 yards.

It was not until ten minutes from time that Carmichael clinched the game.

Moreland's goalie let the greasy ball slip through his fingers into the net.

Tony Gregal was outstanding for Albion, with Mike Borg, James Melrose and John Stuart not far behind.

Green Gully Ajax defeated Oakleigh Athena by a surprisingly narrow margin.

Maribyrnong crushed Triestina, who are playing with very little heart and no confidence.

Mooroolbark swung into top form against Heidelberg.

John Orr gave them a very early lead, and they never looked back.

New signing Alan Jackson from soccer mad Liverpool, England, has only been in Australia four weeks.

He signalled his first appearance by scoring two good goals in the 20th and 68th minutes.

Best man on the ground Alan Irving completed Mooroolbark's tally.

Both teams coped well with the muddy conditions, and Heidelberg never gave up.

Fourteen minutes from the end they got a consolation goal when captain George Plumb converted a penalty award.

Irving, Jackson and Chris Miles were tops for Mooroolbark.

St. Kilda's new signings have yet to settle in.

Dennis Fragopoulos gave them the lead in 24 minutes with a beauty but the team could not sustain their effort. In 35 minutes Geoff Banyard hit the bar for Rangers, but they were behind at the interval.

Seven minutes after the restart, Alan Broadfoot equalised. Later a great effort by Bobby Whiteside was on the mark. John Clemmie followed it in to make certain.

Five minutes later Ken Mitchell slammed home a terrific drive from 30 yards. In the last minute Fragopoulos reduced the arrears.

Dennis Ruecroft, in goal, Ken Mitchell, Jake Patterson and Bert Wheeler were tremendous workers in a steadily improving Park Rangers.

Rangers' reserve side went down 3-1 but showed improved form.

Improved

Chelsea again showed how much they have improved by holding the powerful Croydon side to a two all draw.

Doug Salt shocked the home side in the first minute by scoring his usual goal.

Chelsea fought back to equalise before the interval.

Croydon played better against the wind, but Chelsea controlled the middle.

When they took the lead in the 68th minute with a rocket like free kick, Chelsea looked certain to register their first win.

With only seven minutes to go, player coach Andy Wilson equalised after good approach work by Les Kinwell.

George Maykousis scored four for Western Suburbs in their eclipse of Clayton.

The visitors had a good first half, but ran out of steam and Western Suburbs finished with a flattering 7-1 victory.

Dockerty Cup

On Saturday, Western Suburbs meet Clayton again, in the Dockerty Cup.

This is the only game in the west of Melbourne. Clayton will be flat out to reverse last week's result and a big crowd is hoped for at the game.

Eltham had the balance of play against Monash but the visitors finished better.

Monash scored first, but goals by Mick Lester and Denny Szepaniak put Eltham in front.

A bad defensive error gave Monash the opportunity to turn round on level terms.

Eltham were on top for most of the second half, but could not score.

Breakaways in the 48th and 85th minutes caught the defence out of position, and provided the goals which brought Eltham's first defeat.

North Carlton Olympic took over leadership of the division by a two goal win at Doncaster.

Rosebud gained another point at Broadmeadows' expense.

Melbourne University moved up the ladder when they gained their fifth point out of the last six.

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ARDEER APPLY THE PRESSURE

ARDEER kept the pressure right on KINGSVILLE and FITZROY, at the top of the Premier Division League ladder, by defeating the strong Hawkesburn club 2-0.

At Fawkner Park, Hawkesburn fielded an improvised line-up against Ardeer at centre-half Premetz and inside-left Prihl were injured, but Hawkesburn's coach was amazed by the young Ardeer side's fitness, speed and condition, on a very heavy ground, which had earlier been passed unfit for play in the reserves curtain-raiser.

Ardeer opened the score late in the first-half when Hawkesburn's goalkeeper Marokic, well out from goal, sent a poor clearance to the feet of Eddie Ostapezun who promptly lobbed the ball into an empty goal from 35 yards out.

The sealer came when Chris Cempiel converted a penalty which was just reward for an outstanding individual performance.

For Hawkesburn, full back Drinczki and inside-left Sekece worked hard all day against heavy odds.

Kingsville crushed Pascoe Vale 7-1 with pressure play, which never allowed the Vale to gain their composure.

The Kingsville marksmen were Pero 3, Cele 2, Ilio and Zlenbeski. At the other end, Pascoe Vale rarely got any further than centre-half Cecilanovski who completely cut off all avenues to goal.

Fawkner once again narrowly failed to register their first win, this time at Fitzroy, where they went down 1-2.

After a scoreless first half, Del Ollio put Fawkner ahead at the 60 minute mark, but Fitzroy came back strongly and with two quick goals from Lia in the space of ten minutes, gained two valuable points to keep their hopes alive.

Frankston Pines disposed of Chadstone 2-0 on a ground covered with sheets of water.

Pine's forwards A. Simic and Tommy Tennant capitalised on two defensive blunders to carry the day, while the Chaddy forwards found

themselves starved of chances and only Tommy Doolan went near to scoring when Pines keeper Blazby dropped a ball. Doolan pounced only to see his shot hit the post.

For the pines, the irrepressible Tommy Tennant always looked dangerous, with strong

Only goal average now separates the three sides, and Kingsville's big 7-1 win against Pascoe Vale saw them just edge Fitzroy out of the No. 1 position.

main pitch is currently under repair.

After a spirited opening in which North Altona had more of the play, a converted penalty by Hank Brouwer for Langwarrin saw North's resistance give-way.

George Sutton increased Langwarrin's

scoreless for the remainder of the game. The lack of an official referee was the only blemish on the game.

In conditions likened to a swimming pool, Burnley found themselves in the deep end and went down 1-4 to Doveton at Waratah Reserve.

Barry Clark 2, Dave Wilkinson and Martin Jones scored for the "Doves", who were well served by Ian Sweeney and Derek Roy in defence.

Burnley player San Antonio is returning to Spain permanently, and all the club officials and players wish him all the best for the future.

District League

by Rick Lavale

aggressive play. Best players were B. Wilkinson, P. Blazby and J. Ward.

Melton cracked it for their first win of the season by surprisingly defeating Yarraville 3-2.

Fred Davis gave Melton an early lead when scoring direct from a corner kick, but Yarraville replied with two goals to hold the upper hand at half-time.

With a quarter of an hour to go Paddy Docherty ended his goal famine by equalising. Spurred on by this goal Melton continued to press forward, and two minutes from time it was the Docherty of old who blasted in the winner.

The result was particularly pleasing for new coach Alan Amour, a Frenchman who should prove an asset to the club. Also pleasing was the performance of new centre-half Peter Lawrence, making his debut in the senior team.

Melton recently gained the services of outside right Tony Zach from St. Albans, and judging from his game in the reserves he could well be knocking on the door for senior selection shortly.

Langwarrin moved up the ladder with a comfortable 3-0 win over North Altona at Lawton Park, where the match was played on the Reserve ground as the

lead by climbing high to head home a corner. Sutton again completed the scoring with a 20 yard pile driver, catching the keeper flat-footed.

Langwarrin appear to have a well-knit team and could have a big say in the final placings in this division. A recent arrival from the U.K. is David Govier a goalkeeper who has been starring at training sessions and is of first team potential. Playing coach Jim Lindsay has adopted an attacking policy and has the forwards in Hank Brouwer and George Sutton to carry out his instructions.

Eastern Division

Cheltenham struggled to get a team together to meet new-comers Sandringham City after late notification of the fixture by the V.S.F., but nevertheless managed to win 2-1.

Finding themselves a goal down at half-time Cheltenham piled on the pressure for the next 20 minutes to score through Hastock, and Dave Williams, then content with gaining the lead, pulled nine men back in defence to keep City

Central Division

Regent cemented their position at the top with a well earned 3-0 win over Middle Park.

After 20 minutes play inside-right Peter Brobbidendi opened the account, then five minutes later both teams were reduced to 10 men when referee Contini sent off two players.

The Park fought back strongly but Brobbidendi scored his second goal after a great solo run.

Mike Stogiannov closed the account, picking up a cross which bounced over the Park's goalie to score an easy goal, which knocked the fight out of Middle Park.

Kew defeated Croydon 5-0, without ever really being fully stretched. Goalscorers were S. Forlino, D. Jankovic, I. Delic, V. Steljak and W. Jelenic. Croydon, a late addition to the league, partly led to their own downfall by playing the offside-trap which did not always work against the fast moving Kew forwards.

There was a goal plague at Diamond

Watch out... The Turks are coming!



ROYAL PARK C.T.A.

Standing, from left — Y. Esel (coach), C. Binyazar, K. Ulukaya, C. Binyazar, K. Ulukaya, C. Baytekiner, A. Argut, T. Celal, H. Osman, S. Gul. Kneeling, from left — S. Eren, A. Canim, A. Aimm, D. Ilgin, G. Yusuf.

The Royal Park club, founded in 1964, was until this season known as the Sporting Branch of the Cyprus Turkish Association, by whom they are financed.

The change of name was brought about by the V.S.F. ruling that all clubs must have district names and the title of Royal Park was naturally decided upon because of the location of the ground.

As the name implies the players consist of players from Turkey and Cyprus. Recent

additions to their playing strength are Kazin Akin, transferred from North Carlton Olympic, and A. Saglam and Y. Kemal, recent arrivals from overseas.

The club is very ambitious and intend to test their strength by organizing friendlies against Green Gully Ajax, and St. Albans at the end of the season. They believe in aiming high and hope for State League status in the future so that they can represent the Turkish Community of Victoria at the top level.

Creek, where the local B team received a 16-0 drubbing at the hands of East Carlton, who scored through Chapina 4, Colangeli 4, Barasso 3, Baldassari 2, Casagrande and a John Rossetto penalty.

The creek added to their troubles by putting one in their own net. At East Brunswick, Diamond Creek fared somewhat better as the A team were drawing 2-2 with East 4 minutes from time, but at that stage the game was abandoned when spectators entered the playing area.

The Creek staged a great fight back after trailing 0-2 with a goal from Ian Rowland and then Duke Pohla, promoted from the Reserves, blasted in a ball which came to him waist high, to equalise.

The luckless Creek boys then seemed to be getting on top when play was called to an early halt.

Bernie Brennan and Dominic Alo.

A skilful Williamstown outclassed Laverton B to run out easy 6-2 winners.

A hat-trick from J. Hermann, and further scoring shots from J. Caspar, A. Dovicin and J. Karlecik added up to a winning score.

Werribee downed Parkville Cedars 3-0 on a rainswept ground.

The Cedars badly heeded a couple of good forwards, and anyone interested in joining a well organised club may contact Mr. Obeid, c/o P.O. Box 272, South Carlton.

Central Altona defeated Laverton A 4-2, with Rudi Kiefer 2. Frank Baumgarter and Joe Bauer getting among the goals.

The Altona secretary reports that the Laverton

team is the most sporting opposition encountered by his club.

FUTURE FIXTURES
Next Sunday there will be no District League matches played as Victoria City will meet Manchester City at Olympic Park.

With 17 league rounds to go, plus cup games, the news that on Sunday June 7, Victoria will meet German team Werder Bremen brings mixed feelings.

If the V.S.F. again cancels District League Fixtures on this date it will probably mean that the season will never be completed, as District fixtures are already scheduled to extend into October, and many clubs will not have the use of their grounds in what will be the cricket season.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Premier Division

Fitzroy 2, Fawkner 1.
Frankston Pines 2, Chadstone 0.
Hawkesburn 0, Ardeer 2.
Kingsville 7, Pascoe Vale 1.
Langwarrin 3, North Altona 0.
Melton 3, Yarraville 2.

Eastern Division

Doveton 4, Burnley 1.
Monash v. Army Apprentices 'A' — Ground unfit for play.
Cheltenham 2, Sandringham 1.

Central Division

East Brunswick 2, Diamond Creek 2 (Abandoned at 86 minutes).
Kew 5, Croydon 0.
Diamond Creek 0, East Carlton 16.
Regent 3, Middle Park 0.

Western Division

Garden City 1, Elsternwick 1.
North Sunshine 2, Ascot United 2.
Laverton 'A' 2, Central Altona 4.
Werribee 3, Parkville Cedars 0.
Williamstown 6, Laverton 'B' 2.

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RESULTS AND FIXTURES

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE									
Elwood Austria 1	Dandenong City 3	Box Hill 2	Reserves 3-0	Keilor City 3	Box Hill 2	Reserves 3-0	Prathan City 3	Kilda 2	Reserves 3-0
Albion Rovers 3	Moreland Thistle 1	Reserves 0-1	Brighton 0	Coburg United 1	Reserves 0-1	Frankston City 0	Sandringham 0	Reserves 3-0	Gully Ajax 2
Macedonia 0	Ringwood United 2	Reserves 1-4	Richmond 0	Sunshine City 6	Reserves 2-4	Springvale 2	Altona City 2	Reserves 2-0	

DIVISION TWO									
Albion Rovers 3	Moreland Thistle 1	Reserves 0-1	Brighton 0	Coburg United 1	Reserves 0-1	Frankston City 0	Sandringham 0	Reserves 3-0	Gully Ajax 2
Macedonia 0	Ringwood United 2	Reserves 1-4	Richmond 0	Sunshine City 6	Reserves 2-4	Springvale 2	Altona City 2	Reserves 2-0	

DIVISION THREE									
Bellarat 1	Ferntree Gully 1	Reserves 1-8	Bayswater 4						

LATROBE VALLEY LEAGUE

SENIORS									
Fortuna 0	Monash 1	Newborough 2	Rangers 2	Moe 1	Falcons 11	Churchill 0	Pegasus 11	Traralgon 7	Bairnsdale 0
Warragul 1	bye								

RESERVES									
Fortuna 3	Monash 0	Newborough 2	Rangers 2	Moe 3	Falcons 3	Churchill 1	Pegasus 9	Traralgon 2	Bairnsdale 11
Warragul 6									

UNDER 16's									
Fortuna 0	Moe 2	Rangers 7	Traralgon 0	Pegasus 1	bye				

North-East Corner

Cobram crushed Milawa, to stay close on the heels of all-conquering Whorouly, in the North-Eastern Soccer League last Sunday.

Benalla finally vacated bottom spot when they pipped King Valley by the odd goal in five, in a thrilling game at Benalla.

Myrtleford have moved into top gear. They had a comfortable win at Deniliquin, and are breathing down the necks of Cobram and Whorouly.

NEXT SUNDAY

Albury v. Shepparton. Referee Mr. S. Lucas.
King Valley v. Wodonga. Referee Mr. M. Mather.
Milawa v. Deniliquin. Referee Mr. J. Riches.
Myrtleford v. Benalla. Referee Mr. R. Weeks.
Seymour v. Cobram. Referee Mr. V. Ivison.
Wangaratta v. Whorouly. Referee Mr. J. Carnus.

SENIORS

Goals	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Whorouly	7	8	0	1	24	9	12
Cobram	7	5	2	0	20	6	12
Myrtleford	7	4	1	2	15	9	11
Shepparton	7	4	1	2	11	9	11
Albury	7	3	2	2	13	8	8
Wodonga	7	2	3	2	12	18	7
Deniliquin	7	2	3	2	10	16	6
Milawa	7	1	3	3	10	25	5
King Valley	7	1	2	4	11	15	4
Benalla	7	0	5	2	5	24	0
Seymour	7	0	5	2	13	24	0
Warrata	7	0	5	2	13	25	0

RESERVES

Goals	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Myrtleford	7	7	0	0	22	0	14
Whorouly	7	6	1	0	18	3	13
Cobram	7	5	0	2	26	8	10
Shepparton	7	4	0	3	14	8	8
Albury	7	4	0	3	12	8	8
Wodonga	7	4	0	3	10	8	8
King Valley	7	4	0	3	7	8	8
Bellarat	7	4	0	3	6	18	8
Deniliquin	7	2	0	5	4	24	4
Seymour	7	2	0	5	2	9	0
Shepparton Res.	7	2	0	5	2	9	0
Position in the junior (under 17) League:							
Wangaratta 11	Pts.	11					
11. Wodonga 10	Myrtleford 9						
Benalla 8	Albury 8	Deniliquin 8	Seymour 6	Shepparton 5			
Seymour Juniors v. Shepparton Juniors. Result not to hand.							

RESULTS OF SUNDAY'S GAMES

Benalla 3, King Valley 2.
Reserves 2-4. Juniors, Benalla bye.
Cobram 6, Milawa 1. Reserves 3-1. Juniors, Cobram bye.
Deniliquin 1, Myrtleford 4. Reserves 0-10. Juniors 1-0.
Shepparton 11, Seymour 0. Reserves 3-0. Juniors, Albury 5.
Wodonga 3, Wangaratta 1. Reserves, Wodonga bye. Juniors 0-0.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

SOUTH									
Box Hill 2	Dandenong 2	Waverley City 1	bye	Dandenong 0	Croatia 2	Karingal 1	bye		

NORTH WEST									
Alexander 2	Juventus 2	Elwood Austria 1	Moreland 0	Footscray JUST 4	Keilor City 1	Heidelberg 1	George Cross w-o		

UNDER 16									
Alexander 3	George Cross 3								

SOUTH									
Bayswater 2	Doveton 8	S.M. Hellas 4	R.C. Wilhelmina 1	Clayton 0	Brighton 6	Hakoah 4	Greenborough 1	Juventus 0	

WEST									
Altona 8	Albion Rovers 0	West Newport 0	Sunshine Hts. 0	Slavia 7	bye				

SOUTH									
Chadstone 6	Moorebank 0	Karingal 0	Moorebank 1	Hakoah 1	Doveton 9	Seaford 1	bye		

UNDER 11									
Elwood Austria w-o	Werribee 1	Sunshine City 5	S.M. Hellas w-o	Keilor City 10	Albion Rovers 3				

SOUTH									
Chadstone 6	Moorebank 0	Karingal 0	Moorebank 1	Hakoah 1	Doveton 9	Seaford 1	bye		

UNDER 12									
Eltham 3	Rosanna 2	Croydon 3	Doncaster 2	Bayswater 0	R.C. Wilhelmina 4	Greenborough 1	Juventus 0		

NORTH									
Eltham 3	Rosanna 2	Croydon 3	Doncaster 2	Bayswater 0	R.C. Wilhelmina 4	Greenborough 1	Juventus 0		

Interstate Results

New South Wales									
Juventus 6	d	Port Adelaide 1							
Hellas 4	d	Cumberland 0							

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH									
New South Wales 1	d	New South Wales 2							

PREMIERSHIP TABLE									
Best — Manchester City: A. Oakes, G. Pardoe, G. Heslop, New South Wales: A. Marnoch, S. Ackley, M. Schaefer.									

PREMIERSHIP TABLE									
Hakohu-Eastern Suburbs 2	d	Melita Eagles 2							

PREMIERSHIP TABLE									
Hak. E. Sub. 7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

South Australia									
Polonia 2	d	Croatia 0							

BALLARAT, GEELONG AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

Hamlyn Rangers lost for the second week in succession, tumbling from second to fifth spot on the First Division ladder, in Ballarat, Geelong and Districts Association.

FIRST DIVISION
Hamlyn Rangers 2 along 4, Geelong City 1, Timkens 0, Brinkens 1, jll Park 4, North elong 1 Ballarat Utd. 1, Imont a bye.

SECOND DIVISION
Hamlyn Rangers 0 along 3, Geelong City 1, Timkens - lost points.

FIRST DIVISION
Goals
P W D L F A Pts
arat U. 6 4 1 1 24 5 9
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Park 7 2 2 2 26 11 8
R. 6 4 1 1 24 5 9
Geelong 7 2 2 2 26 11 8
ions 7 2 2 2 26 11 8
nt 6 1 0 5 6 20 2

SECOND DIVISION
Goals
P W D L F A Pts
N. Geelong 7 5 2 0 34 4 12
Geelong City 7 5 1 1 17 7 11
Geelong 7 2 2 4 10 10
Bell Park 7 4 2 1 30 6 10
Belmont 7 3 2 2 7 9 8
Brinkens 7 2 2 3 11 6 7
Langi Ki Ki 7 3 0 4 12 6 6
Ham. Rngs. 7 0 5 12 21 4
Timkens 7 1 0 6 10 40 3
Ballarat U. 7 0 1 6 23 1

Sunday, May 24 — Olympic Park

Kick-off 1.30 p.m.
Under 11s Select 'A' v. Under 11s Select 'B'
Referee Mr. C. Tuffield.
Linesmen Messrs Baldini & Fokianos
Kick-off 3 p.m.
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Linesmen Messrs. Contini & Randall.

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SOUTH DIV. 1.
Bayswater 0, Croydon 0, R.C. Wilhelmina 17, Dandenong 0, Brighton 0, Box Hill.

SOUTH DIV. 2.
Doncaster 1, Waverley City 0, S.M. Hellas 6, Seaford 0, Karingal 8, Moorebank 2, Doveton 3.

UNDER 13
Diamond Creek 1, Mar. 0, Rosanna 4, Greenborough 1, Croatia 4, Lions 14, Heidelberg 0.

UNDER 10
Rosanna 2, Moreland 1, Burnley 1, Juventus 1, Albion Rovers 0, Eltham 1, Sunshine Hts. 1, Werribee 0, Sunshine City 1, by.

SOUTH DIV. 1.
Karingal A - Doveton, Frankston Pines 7, Bayswater 0, Croydon 5, Peninsula 0, Seaford B - by.

SOUTH DIV. 2.
Moorebank 0, R.C. Wilhelmina 1, Clayton - Croydon A - not played, Melbourne 0, Karingal 4, Doncaster - by.

UNDER 9
Box Hill - R.C. Wilhelmina - Not played, Seaford 1, Waverley 0, Sunshine Hts. 1, Karingal B 0, Melbourne 0, Doncaster 2.

UNDER 8
Seaford Yellow 1, Karingal 0.

TEST FOR STARS

Victoria's clash with Manchester City on Sunday will be a big test for Alistair Scott, Tommy McColl and David Gorrie.

Scott seems to have lost touch in defence, after having settled into his link role with Melbourne.

In his last international outing, Scott was well beaten by Moscow Dynamo winger Eshtrekov.

So on Sunday he has his chance to atone for that performance and make his place in the team more secure.

McColl, an experienced international with many Australian caps, has not found top form this season and has suffered a few injuries.

At his best, McColl is a brilliant linkman with a nose for goal. A good performance in this match will again lift him to the top in Melbourne soccer.

David Gorrie, the South Melbourne Hellas linkman, will face the greatest test.

By **LAURIE SCHWAB**

He was a reserve since Victoria's 0-0 draw with Greece last year and played his first full game against N.S.W. in Sydney.

He clinched a place in Sunday's match due to his brilliant performance in last week's practice game against Victoria's Under 23's.

Coming on at half time, he

moved cleverly from behind to score four goals.

On Sunday he'll displace Jack Goodwin in midfield and play alongside Jimmy MacKay and Frank Micic.

If he plays well, he'll probably keep his Victorian guernsey for a few more games.

Victoria looks fairly safe in defence, where George Kinnell and Drago Utjesenovic are outstanding players.

Sandy Irvine, although in-

experienced, played well against N.S.W. and will benefit from the backing-up of Kinnell.

I think the key will be fitness. If the players are not fit enough, they will not be able to play the flexible soccer that Rasic wants them to.

Against Moscow Dynamo, no-one moved forward to support the attacks and no-one fell back to cover from behind.

If that happens again, Victoria will crash.

This is how Victoria will line up against Manchester City at Olympic Park on Sunday:—



LOU KASTNER, 22, reserve goalkeeper, German-born, has been with George Cross for over seven years, and was reserve to Ron Corry in the Australian World Cup side last year.



RON FROST, 23, striker, reserve, joined Juventus from Bangor City last year and chosen for Victorian squad after impressive practice match with State under 23s.



JACK GOODWIN, 27, linkman, reserve, with Motherwell, Scotland before joining Port Melbourne Slavia in 1967. Transferred to Juventus in 1968. Runner-up in Argus Medal count last season.



JACK REILLY, 26, goalkeeper, recently won national selection for Friendship Cup tournament in Saigon. Scottish-born, played for Washington Whips in the US before coming to Juventus last season. Captain of Victoria.



TOMMY ROSE-WEIR, 28, utility, reserve, Scottish-born, longest-serving player in the Essendon Lions team, was originally a centre forward but is a defender for Victoria.



STEVE BLESKANY, 25, striker, reserve, joined Melbourne last year from Yugoslavian Second Division club Spartak. First State team appearance against NSW in Sydney.



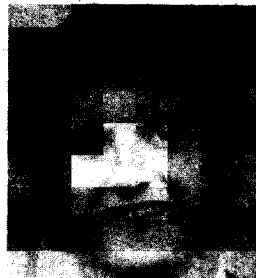
ZVONIMIR RASIC, 34, coach, is taking the State team into the modern age of soccer. Took Footscray J.U.S.T. to the State League premiership last year and is now coaching Melbourne. He is Victoria's nominee for national coach.



DRAGO UTJESENOVIC, 25, right back, had senior games with OFK Belgrade in Yugoslavia before joining Footscray J.U.S.T. early last year. Modern, flexible full back and one of the stars of the Victorian team.



GEORGE KINNELL, 33, sweeper, one of the most experienced players in Australia, joined Juventus from Aberdeen United late last season. Was captain of Sunderland and also played for Oldham Athletic, Stoke City and Middlesbrough.



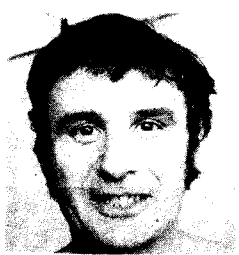
ALEX "SANDY" IRVINE, 21, centre half, product of Aberdeen East End juniors, joined Juventus early last year. After only one State appearance, was capped for the Friendship Cup tournament in Saigon.



ALISTAIR SCOTT, 29, left back, played for Scottish side Forfar Athletic, before joining Melbourne. Originally an inside forward, he became centre half at Melbourne. Winner of Soccer News best and fairest award, 1966.



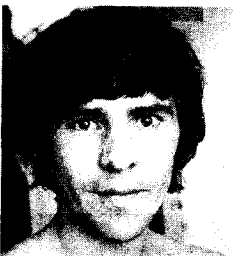
FRANK MICIC, 29, linkman, Yugoslavian-born, joined Footscray J.U.S.T. in 1959 and has represented Victoria more often than any other player. Winner of the Argus Medal in 1964 and 1967.



DAVID GORRIE, 28, linkman, from English non-league club Runcorn United, joined South Melbourne Hellas in 1968. Leading Hellas scorer last season. This will be his first full international.



JIMMY MACKAY, 26, the most modern linkman in Melbourne, MacKay is also a consistent goalscorer for Croatia. Won his first national cap for the Friendship Cup tournament in Saigon where he was voted best player.



TOMMY MCCOLL, 25, striker, from Juventus Adelaide, joined Juventus Melbourne in 1968. Regular member of Australian team until the Friendship Cup tournament, for which he did not gain selection.



BRANKO BULJEVIC, 22, striker, played in OFK Belgrade's second team before joining Footscray J.U.S.T. in 1968. One of the finest forwards in Victorian soccer, he was Footscray's leading scorer last season.



BILLY VOJTEK, 25, striker, Yugoslavian-born, joined Croatia in 1962 from Essendon juniors and is the most brilliant ball player in Melbourne. Has made close to 30 appearances in the Australian national team.